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Carl A. Priddy

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicant wishes to make the following references and information of record in the above-identified application. The references are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. Pursuant to the office's waiver of the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) copies of the cited U.S. Patents are not enclosed. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. It is requested that the references and information be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

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